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Title: Transgenic Plants as Alternative Source of Lignocellulosic-Degrading

**Enzymes** 

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Mail Stop Fee Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

To the Commissioner:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2003 for three months from July 16, 2003, to October 16, 2003. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

A check for \$475 is enclosed to cover the petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

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